

HB 2056 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Action Date: 04/03/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Diehl, Harbick, Isadore, Javadi, McIntire, Munoz, Nelson, Nosse, Pham H

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$64,800,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Health Authority for the 2025-2027 biennium for distribution to community mental health programs (CMHPs). It specifies that funds may be used to carry out activities related to Aid & Assist, Civil Commitment, and crisis services. The measure declares an emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The cost of Civil Commitment, Aid & Assist, and crisis stabilization services required in statute and the funding gap for CMHPs responsible for providing these services
- The reason for including these specific service areas
- Consequences of not fully funding required behavioral health services

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Mental Health Act of 1963 began a transition away from the institutionalization of individuals with mental illness in state-run hospitals and into a new system of community-based care. In Oregon, community mental health programs (CMHPs) provide community-based care through a system of statutorily required core and safety net services intended to meet the behavioral health and social needs of individuals within the community. CMHPs are operated by or affiliated with local mental health authorities and provide timely services to all regardless of an individual's ability to pay. CMHPs are responsible for local system planning, management, and service coordination; Civil Commitment and forensic services; crisis and stabilization services; outpatient and wraparound services; mental health promotion and prevention; and residential and housing supports. CMHPs are funded through County Financial Assistance Agreements (CFAAs) for services not covered by Medicaid. CFAAs are distributed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and funded through federal funds, legislative appropriations, and other state funds sources.

House Bill 4092 ([2024](#)) directed OHA to conduct a study to determine funding required by CMHPs, the study culminated in a [report](#) published in December of 2024. The report highlighted three service categories, including Aid & Assist, Civil Commitment, and crisis services. A key recommendation included in the report was for CFAAs to provide adequate funding for CMHPs to carry out Aid & Assist and Civil Commitment services which are not otherwise eligible for reimbursement through Medicaid.

House Bill 2056 A appropriates funding to the Oregon Health Authority to distribute to CMHPs to carry out specified services.